

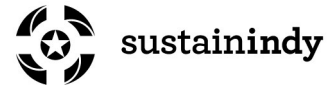
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Erosion Control Project at Eagle Creek Almost Complete

Eagle Creek Bank Stabilization Project incorporates sustainable concepts

INDIANAPOLIS – Finishing touches are underway on the Eagle Creek Bank Stabilization Project. Located along the bank of the Eagle Creek Reservoir, and just north and east of the dam, the improvements will prevent further erosion and provide greater shoreline stability. This erosion control project is the largest of its kind for the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW).

Over time, wind and waves have eroded the shoreline causing multiple concerns. Due to the erosion, the shoreline had gradually moved towards Dandy Trail, raising the possibility the road could be washed away. In addition, large trees on the retreating shoreline had started to fall into the reservoir, raising concern they could potentially damage the gates on the dam. To protect against further erosion, a combination of wire and cloth has been installed to help keep the earthen wall of the reservoir embankment in place.

In addition, newly planted native grasses and trees cover the area, securing the slope, while contributing to the sustainability of the project. Native plants are drought resistant and possess deep root systems which not only offer the embankment further stability, but also allow storm water to seep down into the soil.

Work began on the Eagle Creek Bank Stabilization Project in late January 2009 and is scheduled for completion on September 10. This project is currently estimated at \$1.17 million and is funded by the storm water user fee.

Mayor Ballard launched SustainIndy and created the Office of Sustainability in October of 2008. Both represent an innovative enterprise aimed at delivering long-term cost savings to the city, building the local economy, improving our quality of life and enhancing our environmental and public health. Its efforts are designed to aggressively move Indianapolis forward in making it one of the most sustainable cities in the Midwest. For more information, visit www.sustainindy.org.

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